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In the matter of:

Complaint No. 44/2025

M/s Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. Village and P.O (Damtal) Tehsil Indora Kangra Distt. Kangra. Pin-176403
 – Complainant

Vs

1. The Sr. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Indora, Distt. Kangra-176401.
2. The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Sub-Division, HPSEBL, Damtal, District Kangra HP.-176403

-Respondents

Date: 09/04/2026

Present for:

The Complainant:

- Sh. Amarnath Chaudhary, Advocate
- Sh. Aman Sood, Advocate
- Smt. Shailra Sood, Advocate
- Sh. Sreevatsh Shekharia, Legal Advisor.

The Respondents:

- Sh. Rajesh Kashyap, Advocate
- Er. Virender Dadhwal, AE, ESD, Damtal.
- Sh. Pankaj Pathania, JOA (IT), ESD, Damtal.

Order (Last Heard-18/03/2026)

Case called, the matter was heard. At the very outset, the matter was discussed regarding present status of deposit of 50% of the disputed amount with the Respondents in terms of **Regulation 33(1)(c) & 33(1)(g) of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 on Limitation/pre-condition for entertaining the complaint**, as directed by this Court's order dt. 12/12/2025 and subsequent orders dt.07.01.2026, 07.03.2026, 18.03.2026 respectively and observed that the same was still lying pending at Complainant's end and further the averments made by the Id. Counsel for Complainant could not convenience the Court and this Court emphasized in clear terms that in case the same pre-mandatory condition, is not met, the matter shall be disposed as dismissed and further directed that this may be considered as last opportunity as the Complainant has already surpassed the time limitation to comply with such mandates. The Id. Counsel for Complainant agreed and prayed that necessary directions be imparted to the Respondent Board not to adjust the said amount against any outstanding dues till pending adjudication before this authority. Prayer granted and the Respondents were directed not to adjust the amount against any outstanding till pending adjudication.

In compliance to this Court's Order dated 18.03.2026, the Respondents examined the issue at Divisional Level in the presence of one Representative from Complainant side and also submitted reply to the Supplementary Affidavit on 09.04.2026 in the Court Room which was taken on record and also mentioned in the said Affidavit about the adjustment of security amount of Rs.99,46,600/- against the outstanding dues of the said firm. The Id. Counsel for the Complainant submitted Minutes of Meeting held with the Members of M/s Orissa Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. at the premises of Assistant Engineer, Elect. Sub Division, HPSEBL, Damtal on dated 07.04.2026 which was also taken on record.

The Id. Counsel for Complainant further apprised regarding the pendency status of case before Hon'ble High Court on the coercive action and ensured this Court that the matter regarding withdrawal of same is under process and shall be informed before next date of hearing. He further prayed for necessary directions to restrain the Respondent Board from disconnecting the electricity supply to the premises of the Complainant. Prayer granted **till Admissions which is still on hold in the public interest and further course of directions in this regard shall be imparted thereafter.**

In view of failure to furnish the prerequisites till date, the admission is still kept on hold till next date of hearing. Accordingly, the Complainant is directed to furnish all above pre-requisites before next date of hearing to facilitate confirmation of Admission and thereafter final arguments in the matter on the same day to curb further delay.

The Sr. Executive Engineer is directed to appear in the Court along with concerned Assistant Engineer with relevant record to avoid any misconception during the course of deliberations /arguments and to facilitate counsel thereof as high stake is involved. Any lapse shall attract onus on individual.

The Reply submitted by the Respondents on dt. 19.12.2025 is kept on record until above mandatory requirements are furnished.

In view of above the matter is listed for Admission/final arguments on dated 28.04.2026 at 12:00 PM or immediately thereafter with further directions to the complainant to submit Rejoinder if any thereof subject to above.

The order is also placed at site as well as conveyed telephonically for the convenience of concerned.

Given under my hand and seal of this office.



[Signature]
 09/04/2026
 Electricity Ombudsman

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Dated: 09/04/2026